## **CLAIMS**

- 1. The use of a GABA<sub>B</sub> receptor antagonist for increasing neurotrophin levels in the CNS.
- 2. The use of a GABA<sub>B</sub> receptor antagonist for the treatment of a condition responsive to an increase of neurotrophin levels in the CNS.
- 3. The use of a GABA<sub>B</sub> receptor antagonist for the treatment of neurodegeneration.
- 4. The use of a GABA<sub>B</sub> receptor antagonist for the treatment of Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and stress-induced neurodegeneration.
- The use of a GABA<sub>B</sub> receptor antagonist for suppression of immune responses following CNS tissue grafts.
- 6. The use of a GABA<sub>B</sub> receptor antagonist for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition responsive to an increase of neurotrophin levels in the CNS.

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- 7. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 6 for increasing NGF and BDNF.
- 8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a GABA<sub>B</sub> receptor antagonist in association with at least one pharmaceutical carrier or diluent, for use in the treatment of a condition responsive to an increase of neurotrophin levels in the CNS.
- 9. A method for increasing neurotrophin levels in the CNS of a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a GABA<sub>B</sub> receptor antagonist.
- 10. A method for treating a condition responsive to an increase of neurotrophin levels in the CNS, in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a GABA<sub>B</sub> receptor antagonist.

11. A method for treating neurodegeneration or for suppression of immune responses following CNS tissue grafts in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a GABA<sub>B</sub> receptor antagonist.

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